



Board of Education – Special Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: H. Frydman, Chair Absent
T. Mack-Mohammed Absent
F. Bogle-Assegai Present
L. Easmon *ex-officio* Present

ALSO PRESENT: K. Dunbar L. Simone T. Moore
F. Bogle-Assegai B. Silver L. Lamenzo
E. Pierce A.M. Cullinan J. Titelbaum
D. Greco

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

F. Bogle-Assegai called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – May 28, 2024

B. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – April 25, 2024

A motion was made by F. Bogle-Assegai and seconded by L. Easmon for the Curriculum Committee approve the meeting minutes listed under the consent agenda, as presented.

F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
L. Easmon Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. Old Business

A. Early Start Program Overview

Lauren Serafino, teacher and Rose Rose, teacher presented an overview of the Early Start program which ran from July 8 through July 26, 2024. Students entering grades 1-4 attended a half day learning experience at Metacomet Elementary School. The themes included Life Cycles, Health and Nutrition, Insects and Butterflies, Fairy Tales and Charlotte’s Web (for grade 4 students). The program culminated with a field trip to Mystic Aquarium.

Student entering grades 5-8 attended Early Start at Carmen Arace. The theme focused on the Olympics. Student participated in research based projects, narratives and non-fiction. In addition, students from Bloomfield High School served as teacher interns



and assisted in daily classroom activities. The program culminated with a family event to showcase projects and participate in Olympic themed activities.

L. Simone asked about the social/emotional adjustment and growth data of those students who attend the summer programming versus student who did not attend.

4. New Business

A. Curriculum Next Steps

Dr. Bethany Silver, Interim Superintendent provided an update on the curriculum next steps. She noted academic performance from on the recent high stakes assessment data is very concerning. The district has partnered with The New Teacher Project (TNTP), to help create a vision for excellent instruction. The first step in this process is a curriculum inventory. A curriculum inventory is comprehensive record of a district's content, structure, delivery, and assessment of curriculum. The district is starting with the core subject areas.

B. Windsor Federal Bank Update

Lisa Lamenzo, Director of School Improvement opened the meeting with an update on the collaboration with Windsor Federal Bank. The Branch Manager has extended the enrollment period indefinitely for student account incentives to Bloomfield families. This will shared at upcoming PTO meetings. It is also embedded in the Financial Literacy workshop series.

5. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

H. Frydman, Chair